

Appl. No. 10/730,990

**Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 13-18 remain in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-12 have been cancelled. Claim 8 was previously cancelled.

The Examiner has indicated in the Office action of September 25, 2006, that claims 13-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 13-18 have been amended accordingly. The remaining claims in this application are canceled, as noted herein.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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